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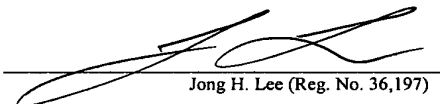
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**RULE 116 AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on May 18, 2007, and in order to simplify the issues for the appeal pursuant to the concurrently-filed Notice of Appeal, please amend the above-identified application in view of the following. A three-month extension of time for filing a reply has been requested (along with an authorization to charge the required extension fee) in connection with the concurrently-filed Notice of Appeal.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.